





GEN

**HECKMAN**

BINDERY, INC

036628 2 7 00



3/21/2006



Digitized by the Internet Archive  
in 2013



3 1833 01807 9290

GENEALOGY  
974.201  
L49L  
V.4.  
NO.5

# Lebanon Co. Historical Society

---

---

## ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

JANUARY 17, 1908

---

---

## ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

---

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

---

### THE DINNER

---

---

### *In Memoriam*

GEORGE B. WOOMER, Esq.,

Rev. F. J. F. SCHANTZ, D. D.,

CHARLES E. RAUCH,

CHARLES L. HENRY,

Hon. THOS. H. CAPP,

WILLIAM T. ATKINS

---

---



# Lebanon Co. Historical Society

---

## ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

JANUARY 17, 1908

---

## ANNUAL REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

---

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

---

## THE DINNER

---

## *In Memoriam*

GEORGE B. WOOMER, Esq..

Rev. F. J. F. SCHANTZ, D. D..

CHARLES E. RAUCH.

CHARLES L. HENRY.

Hon. THOS. H. CAPP.

WILLIAM T. ATKINS

---



## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1907.**

---

During the past year the Executive Committee held seven meetings, and the Society six.

At the meetings of the Society, Papers with these titles were read:

“Myerstown: Its Men and Events of the Past,” by the Rev. F. J. F. Schantz, D.D.

“St. Paul’s (Klopp’s) Church,” by the Rev. C. A. Butz.

“Swatara Collegiate Institute, Jonestown,” by Simon J. Woelfly.

“The Know Nothing Party in Lebanon County,” by Prof. H. H. Shenk.

“Almanac Lore and Superstitions,” by S. P. Heilman, M.D.

“A Color Episode at Gettysburg,” by Capt. J. H. Bassler.

Of these six Papers only one has been put into print and distributed. Hindrances of a most vexatious kind had intervened to delay the printing of the other Papers. These are, however, now overcome, and we expect to get the delayed Papers into print at a more rapid pace.

Of donations to the Society, consisting of books, journals, pamphlets, curios, etc., there were about 104.

The attention of the Society is again called, as it was a year ago, but without result, to the urgent need of additional library and shelving space in which to properly place the constantly increasing store of library material. No doubt your Librarian will report with more detail as to this.

At the last annual meeting the number of members in good standing was.....	162
The number added during the year was....	6
Aggregate total .....	168
Lost by death.....	6
Lost by resignation.....	1
Aggregate loss .....	7
Present membership .....	161
he total attendance at the meetings during the year	
Members .....	93
Visitors .....	12
Total .....	105
he receipts of the Society, per the Secretary, w s:	
Membership Fees .....	\$ 6 00
Annual Dues—For 1905.....	\$ 3 00
" 1906.....	20 00
" 1907.....	118 00
	141 00
Sales of Publications.....	12 66
Total Receipts .....	\$150 66

In pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly, approved the 21st day of May, A. D. 1901, empowering County Commissioners' Boards to appropriate money to County Historical Societies, our Society, by a Committee appointed for that purpose, made application, April 1, 1907, to the Board of Commissioners of Lebanon County for an appropriation to our Society. This was granted to the amount of \$100.00, and this recently paid over to our Treasurer, as will be shown in his report.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.  
S. P. HEILMAN, *Secretary*

**REPORT OF THE TREASURER.**

The report of the Treasurer, E. W. Miller, Esq., was read, and referred to Messrs. J. K. Raudenbush, J. H. Mease and Albert Barnhart, a committee to audit said report. This committee subsequently reported said report to be true and correct, and had attached to its report the following condensed statement of the Treasurer's report:

To Cash received from all sources.....	\$277 02
By amount paid as per orders 173 to 191, inclusive...	141 81
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer.....	\$135 21

---

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HISTORY  
FOR THE YEAR 1907.**

---

A French writer has declared that Grecian history is a poem, Latin history a picture, and modern history a chronicle.

It is a chronicle that will greet you in this report.

In attempting to select the more important local events of 1907, I have omitted crimes and politics. Although Voltaire sneered at history as only the register of crimes and misfortunes; and Lowell has recorded his discovery that it is "mainly made by ignoble men"; and Goethe, with some truthfulness, declared that "sin writes history; goodness is silent"; and Sir Richard Walpole went so far as to assert: "All history is a lie"; we prefer to believe, with Bancroft, that after the action is over, and a right understanding is brought to its study, our mind will be ready to exclaim, "Lo, God is here and we knew Him not!"

When the first of January, 1907, was ushered in, the Cornwall and Lebanon Railroad station, and all the locomotives of the road, were draped out of respect for the death of President A. J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On that date, Governor Hughes was being inaugurated in New York, and Senator Foraker had just made his attack on President Roosevelt in connection with the Brownsville affair. Governor Pennypacker took as the text of his message to the Pennsylvania Senate and House, "Judah and Israel dwelt safely every man under his vine and under his fig tree from Dan even to Beersheba", and declared that the receipt of a revenue of 25,000,000 dollars by the State was unparalleled. He referred to the establishment of 500 stations for the distribution of free antitoxin, to the erection of the State constabulary, and to a uniform divorce law. He praised the Senatorial and Legislative reapportionment of the State which has brought such changes to Lebanon County, and he lauded the contractors of the Capitol, Harrisburg, for completing it more rapidly than the cathedrals of Europe, which, he said, "Have been dragging along for centuries." He quoted Confucius to show the harmony of the design of the Capitol, and declared that fortunately in this capitol, the architecture, the decoration, the candelabra, the wood carvings and the paintings were under the guidance of one capable artist, and are all in keeping with the importance of the Commonwealth.

The month of January was noted for the marriage of the daughter of Chief of Police Zimmerman; the death of George B. Woomer, Esq.; the death of a son of Milton Blauch, who fell under the wheels of a P. & R. freight train, near Tenth street; the death of Daniel Garman, who was engineer of the train that took President Lincoln south from Harrisburg on the final run through Pennsylvania on his way to his first inauguration.

The same month saw the passing through our county and town of the Quaker City Club motorists, including twenty-three automobiles; a fox hunt, with thirty hounds on the trail, at Mt. Gretna; the construction of a third track on the P. & R. railroad between Annville and Lebanon; the reconstruction of the old stone house on Tenth and Walnut streets, and its devotion to the use of the Tabor League of the First Reformed church; the removal of Sheriff Gerhard to the residence at the county jail; the experience of an earthquake in three shocks on January 10th, between 4 and 5 A. M.; the discovery of the Marotte defalcation; the inauguration of Governor Stuart, with Lebanon men prominently in the line; the death of the Rev. Moses Fernsler, who had served the Schaefferstown and Brickerville charge for nearly twenty-one years; the letter of State Commissioner of Health Dixon to the Lebanon Water Commissioners; the appointment of Representative Moyer as a member of the Committee on Banks, Public Buildings, Military Affairs and Pensions, in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

On January 19th occurred the death of the Rev. Dr. F. J. F. Schantz, a prominent member of this Society, suddenly, at his home at Myerstown; and the retirement of Rev. C. B. Bucher, of the Midway German Baptists. There came a drop of the mercury on January 28th to 3.8 degrees below zero; a crash of our street cars at Sunnyside on the same day; the death of James H. Monohan, and of a sister of Father Christ; and the burning of the stable of the Union Fire Company.

At this time also the enlistment of thirty-six young men for the United States military service in the Philippine Islands, the gathering of nine-inch ice on February 1st, and the death of Moses Rauch, of Londonderry, on February 2d. Snow 8½ inches deep fell on February 5th; and the death of Mrs. C. K. Forney took place on February 6th. The Convention of the State Council of the Pennsylvania Benevolent Legion met in St. Joseph's Hall on February 13th; and the election of James

Lord as President of the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, succeeding J. H. Sternberg, of Reading, took place. On February 14th, the death of Abraham B. Oberholtzer occurred; and on the same day the town received a valentine in the shape of a certain sewerage episode between the City Solicitor and City Councils. Shad appeared on the spring markets for the first time on Washington's birthday.

On March 1st a young man was struck on the P. & R. railroad by the fast evening westward bound train in front of the depot, and both the Reading and the Pennsylvania Railroad curtailed the number of passenger trains, a precursor to the two-cent rate bill. On March 9, Lebanon received several car-loads of the old French Delessep's Panama Canal machinery, to be turned into scrap. On the tenth of March, the Rev. H. D. Kreidler preached his first sermon in St. Paul's United Evangelical church. On the 11th, the Lebanon Chain Works and the West End Rolling Mill were merged into one.

On the 13th of March, James March, railroad contractor, died at the age of 86; on the 16th occurred the death of W. G. Bergner. During this month the Rev. J. S. Farnsworth arrived as pastor of Emanuel Evangelical church. On the 25th, Ephraim Heilman, of Annville, died, and about this time Matthias Roland, an ice dealer, lost his life in an accident at the Front street crossing. On the 31st of March, the Rev. W. L. McDowell preached his first sermon in Centenary Methodist church.

On the first of April the Salem Lutheran Mite Society celebrated its quarto-centennial, and on the third of April the death of C. E. Rauch took place. About this time Senator Gerberich introduced a railroad commission bill intended to supersede the Dunsmore bill.

On the 4th of April Cyrus L. Behney of Myerstown, and Joseph H. Brubaker, of Lebanon, died. On the 16th, H. F.

Cilley undertook the erection of a block of eighteen houses on the land of the Uhler estate on North Twelfth street.

On the 7th occurred the great earthquake in Mexico in which Messrs. C. Shenk and H. J. Shenk, en route on a tour to the Pacific, received the greatest shaking up they have as yet had the privilege of enjoying on this terrestrial globe. On the 19th our community was shocked to hear of the death of Rev. T. M. Yundt, formerly the superintendent of Bethany Reformed Orphans' Home.

On the first of May the trolley extension to Campbelltown was begun. On the fifth, Rev. A. E. Youse was called to be the successor of Dr. Schantz at Frieden's church, Myerstown. On Sunday, May 11th, tidings came of the terrible Shriner disaster in Southern California, with the death of Charles L. Henry, of our city; and on May 13th Henry Bross, a leading citizen of East Hanover, died. On May 14th, St. Patrick's cathedral, of Harrisburg, was dedicated. On May 17th, the death of Dr. G. F. Krotel, of New York, a former Lebanon pastor, took place; on May 20th, the consecration of the first United Evangelical church occurred; and the State encampment of the P. O. S. of A. opened the next day. On June 9th, Rev. J. M. Page left for a trip to the Pacific coast. On June 21st, the Y. M. C. A. building was dedicated.

On July 3d, the expected death of Judge Thomas H. Capp took place at Jonestown. The Harrisburg bar attended his funeral in a body. On July 8th, a severe electrical storm passed over the northern part of the county, and did damage to crops, corn and wheat, in a number of townships. On July 11th, the Fredericksburg bank opened for business. On the same date, the dead body of a stranger was found on the P. & R. tracks between Front and Fourth streets. On July 12th the historic residence of Conrad Weiser, on the farm east of Womelsdorf, was destroyed by fire. On July 18th, the old Rickets property on West Cumberland street was razed to the

ground, and the workmen found a heavy log in the building with the numerals 1752 carved in it. When torn down, the first floor was five steps below the curb, showing that this part of Cumberland street was once a deep hollow. The old house, in pioneer days, was known as Rickets' tavern, and was the stopping place of a line of freight wagons between Harrisburg and Reading. The building had the big fireplace, small rooms and primitive masonry that were features of our early log-house architecture.

On July 18th, during a heavy thunder-storm, lightning struck the C. & L. round house and stunned several employees. On July 27th, a Hungarian was struck by a train on the C. & L. road at the Chestnut and Twelfth street crossing, and killed. On July 29th, S. U. Reinoehl, of the Reinoehl Lumber Company, died suddenly.

On August 1st, the Merchants' Protective Association took a large excursion to Willow Grove Park. Early in August occurred the death of Herman Rauch, of North Ninth street, and on August 9th, a daughter of Judge McPherson was drowned at Point Pleasant, N. J. Early in August, the telegrapher's strike spread from the West to New York and Philadelphia, and it was almost impossible to get messages through. During the same month, Gen. Gobin resigned the command of the National Guard, and a few days later Simon P. Quinn, chemist for the Semet-Solvay Coke Company, lost his life at the Union Water Works. On Aug. 19th, an application was made for a new corporation for the building of an electric power plant at Mish's Mill, on the Swatara, to be called the Swatara Electric Light and Power Company; and a new bank, with a capital of \$25,000, was organized in Schaefferstown. On the 21st of August, the daughters of Sheriff Gerhard, who had traveled around the globe, leaving Lebanon July 12, 1906, returned at 6.35 P. M. On August 23d, Rector Page returned from his trip to the West. About the same date, C. M. Hallman, Sec-

retary of the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, resigned, to accept a position in Kentucky. Late in the afternoon of August 30th, Hammer Creek water reached Lebanon for the first time during the season, and in time for consumption over night. Two and a half millions were pumped into the dams daily for a period of several weeks. During the months of August and September, Myerstown enjoyed a building boom, and a number of residences were in process of erection. On the 6th of September, Bishop Bowman made a visit to Emmanuel Evangelical church, Lebanon. On September 14th, Charles P. Kleinfelter was suddenly thrown from a wagon in Jonestown, and died in a few minutes. On September 17th, the Rivetless Chain Company secured a site in Lebanon.

On October 1st, two-cent railroad rates went into effect on the P. & R. During this month Bishop Mills sailed for Japan and the Orient.

On December 1st, J. K. Spayd died at the age of 86. On December 3d Major M. J. Fitzgerald died at his home. On the 5th, the Emery court cause was being heard. In the first week of December, the poultry show took place in the Sons of America Hall. On the 9th, the death of George F. Henry occurred. On the last day of the year, the death of William T. Atkins, one of the proprietors of the Lebanon Courier, occurred.

Surveying the year in a general way, we may say that the summer was late, and the temperature was moderate throughout the year. Prices rose continuously, and have remained high in staple goods until the present time.

Lebanon was not seriously affected, so far as scarcity of money is concerned, by the financial panic that set in during the year, and even the iron industries of our county went out of blast very quietly and gradually, without awakening the usual alarm. The other industries have been using every en-

deavor to give partial employment to their men, and, though business is excessively dull, conditions in our community have in former years been, and might be far worse.

Hundreds of foreigners, Hungarians and Italians, have left our county, for which we are sincerely thankful. Building operations have been more quiet than they were for many years in the city of Lebanon, but the factory work in all the towns and in the city itself, has, with a few exceptions, continued to prosper. The celebration at Palmyra during the year opened the eyes of many of our citizens to its rapid and progressive growth, and the development of Hershey, further to the west, and East Hummelstown and Rutherford, in Dauphin county, has greatly enlarged the industrial activities of our western borders.

THEODORE E. SCHMAUK, *Chairman.*

---

---

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELICS, CURIOS AND ANTIQUES.**

---

Your Committee has been more or less active during the year—perhaps *less*, since it is sorry to confess it has had no concerted activity in promoting the cause of its particular realm. It has, however, done some work individually. In November, the Chairman, at the suggestion of the Secretary of the Society, and the corroboration of a number of others, went to Philadelphia to attend a two-day sale of the Hon. S. W. Pennypacker's collection of old and rare books, and was successful in purchasing for this Society, at reasonable figures, a number of our Lebanon Imprints of a hundred years ago and since, to which list have been added a few additional copies by exchange and presentation. These are now here for inspection by the

members, and then to be handed to our Librarian for labelling and cataloging and safe-guarding. We sincerely hope every member of this Society will feel a personal interest in completing our list of Lebanonana, or Lebanon Book Imprints. Possibly by looking over our lists of old books or making inquiry of old families, we could in a very short time complete this list, which would prove a most valuable alcove in our Library for all students of our county's history. Much progress has been made in this direction, and by a personal and united interest, the end sought should be an early and easy attainment. Let this hint be sufficient to engage the activity of each one. Let books be sent in to the Chairman of this Committee as they are discovered.

To make our Lebanon prints complete, there was also secured a copy of each of the volumes issued by the more recently established Book Publishing House of Mr. Holzapfel, of Cleona, this county—a list of seventeen volumes—one of which enjoys the distinction of a sold edition of 250,000 copies.

Besides this present valuable accession, there have been presented many valuable pamphlets and publications by this Committee, the Secretary and others duly acknowledged, before. Who and when will some one build us a Historical Society Building?

Respectfully solicited,

P. C. CROLL,  
S. RIEGEL,  
H. J. SHENK.

The following list presented by P. C. Croll, Chairman of the Committee:

#### A. LEBANON IMPRINTS.

(*Bought at Ex-Governor Pennypacker's Sale.*)

1. Geistliche und erbauliche Briefe.
2. Zeugniss eines Kindes von der Richtigkeit der Wege des Geistes.

3. Die Americanische Goldruhe.
4. Kalendar fur 1810.
5. Biblische Religion and Gluckseligkeitslehre.
6. Theobald oder die Schwarmer.
7. Liturgie oder Kirchen Agende.
8. Die Evangelische Gnaden-Ordnung. (Exchanged.)
9. Anweisung zum Christlichen Leben und Seligen Sterben.  
(Two volumes.)
10. Haupt Inhalt der Christlichen Lehre.
11. Haupt Inhalt der Christlichen Lehre. (Dr. Grumbine.)
12. Kleine Berlen Schnur.
13. Der kleine Catechismus (Lutheran).
14. Erstes Buch fur deutsche Kinder oder A B C.
15. Der Merkwurdige Lebens Lauf. (Dr. Geo. de Benneville.)
16. Wohlerfahrner Pherde Arzt.

#### **B. CLEONA LIST.**

1. Mr. World and Miss Churchmember.
2. Life in a Thousand Worlds.
3. Female Filosophy.
4. Cardinal Points.
5. Wit and Humor of the Parson.
6. Vade Mecum Homileticum.
7. Eschatology.
8. Ethics of the Ministry.
9. Eight Bound Volumes of the Pulpit.
10. Touring the Holy Land.

#### **C. CLEONA PAMPHLETS.**

1. Program of County Institute.
2. Lebanon Sanatorium Report.
3. Good Samaritan Hospital Report.
4. History of the Water Department of Lebanon.
5. Twenty-first Annual Report of the Board of Water and Lighting Commissioners.
6. Samuel Dixon's Report to the Board of Water and Lighting Commissioners.
7. Mount Gretna Pamphlets.
8. Catalogues of Albright College from 1898 to date.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY.**

---

The Committee on Necrology, Messrs. S. P. Heilman, J. L. Lemberger and T. S. Stein, reported the death, during the year 1907, of six members of the Society, and asked leave to defer presenting necrologies of them until such shall be required for appearance in the Society's publications. (See "In Memoriam" in this number.)

---

---

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

---

The Officers elected at this meeting, and those holding over, are as follows:

*President,*

EZRA GRUMBINE, M.D., Mt. Zion, Pa.

*Vice-President,*

THOMAS S. STEIN, A.M., Annville, Pa.

*Secretary,*

S. P. HEILMAN, M.D., Heilman Dale, Lebanon Co., Pa.

*Treasurer,*

EDWARD W. MILLER, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

*Librarian,*

CHARLES D. WEIRICK, Esq., Lebanon, Pa.

*Executive Committee,*

THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER, Ex Officio.  
REV. P. C. CROLL, D.D., Lebanon, Pa.

HENRY C. SNAVELY, Cleona, Pa.

REV. THEO. E. SCHMAUK, D.D., Lebanon, Pa.  
HENRY C. GRITTINGER, Lebanon, Pa.

ABRAM HESS, Lebanon, Pa.

JOHN HUNSICKER, Lebanon, Pa.

---

**THE ANNUAL DINNER.**

After the business meeting, held in the Eagle Hotel, Lebanon, the attending members of the Society, 51 in number, with their guests, 61 in number, at 9 o'clock P. M. proceeded to the dining room to the Society's Annual Dinner, arranged for by this

**Committee of Arrangements**

GEORGE D. KRAUSE,      JOS. L. LEMBERGER,  
HARRY J. SHENK,      HENRY C. GRITTINGER,  
                            SAMUEL P. HEILMAN.

After an invocation by the Rev. John Mitchel Page, and after the dinner itself, the following-named toasts, and the speakers to them, were announced in due order by Chas. H. Killinger, Esq., the Toastmaster:

***“The Mother County”***  
***HON. WM. U. HENSEL***

***“The Daughter, Lebanon”***  
***REV. THEODORE E. SCHMAUK, D. D.***

---

This was one of the many successful Dinners already given by the Society—as to the number present, and the things set on the table to eat. In their delineations of Lancaster as the Mother County, and Lebanon as the Daughter, the two speakers were witty, resourceful and replete in historical data illustrative of the kinship expressed in their themes.

---

## In Memoriam

---

GEORGE B. WOOMER, Esq.

Rev. F. J. F. SCHANTZ, D.D.

CHARLES E. RAUCH

CHARLES L. HENRY

Hon. THOMAS H. CAPP

WILLIAM T. ATKINS

---



GEORGE BENTZ WOOMER, Esq.

**GEORGE BENTZ WOOMER, Esq.**

---

BORN, JUNE 29, 1871. DIED, JANUARY 4, 1907.  
AGED 35 YRS., 6 MOS. and 5 DAYS.

---

Mr. Woomer was the only living child of the late Congressman Ephraim M. Woomer, of Lebanon. His mother's maiden name was Susan Bentz. He was born in the old Woomer homestead at Seventh and Chestnut streets, Lebanon, opposite the present Woomer residence.

He received his earlier education in the local public schools, graduating from the Lebanon Academy in the year 1885, when only in his fourteenth year, and with the honor of salutatorian of his class. Later he was a pupil at the Shortridge Academy in Chester, Delaware county, after which he entered Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., from which, at the end of his course, he was graduated with high honors.

After his return home he took up the study of law in the office of Capp & Schock. He was admitted to the Lebanon County Bar, Nov. 27, 1893, where he practised with great success until the day of his death. In his Court practice, Mr. Woomer showed possession of high attainments, and in the presentation of his cases, both of a criminal and of a civil kind, he evinced much erudition, and put into his pleadings great oratorical force, bringing him many and notable successes in both the lower and higher courts.

Inheriting from his father a propensity for polities, Mr. Woomer took an active part in the affairs of the Republican party in Lebanon county, and became an active force therein even before the demise of his father, who in his day was the party's recognized leader. During the period of its factional strife within the party, Mr. Woomer, as a member of the Republican County Committee, took the side of the independent

wing, and in the several contests—State, Senatorial, and other contests at general elections and primaries, he organized and extended the forces of the independents in politics. With the restoration of political harmony in the party some years ago, he retired to the exclusive practice of his profession, although retaining his membership in the Republican State Committee up to his death.

During the 54d and 54th Congressional sessions, Mr. Woomer served as private secretary at Washington, D. C., to his father. He was a strong supporter of the Lebanon Baseball Club during its best period, was interested in local real estate, and up to a year of his death was the owner of the Lebanon Valley House. He was a member of Camp 254, P. O. S. of A., a member of the Zion Lutheran church, solicitor of the People's National Bank, of which his father was the organizer and its first cashier, and was a member of its Board of Directors.

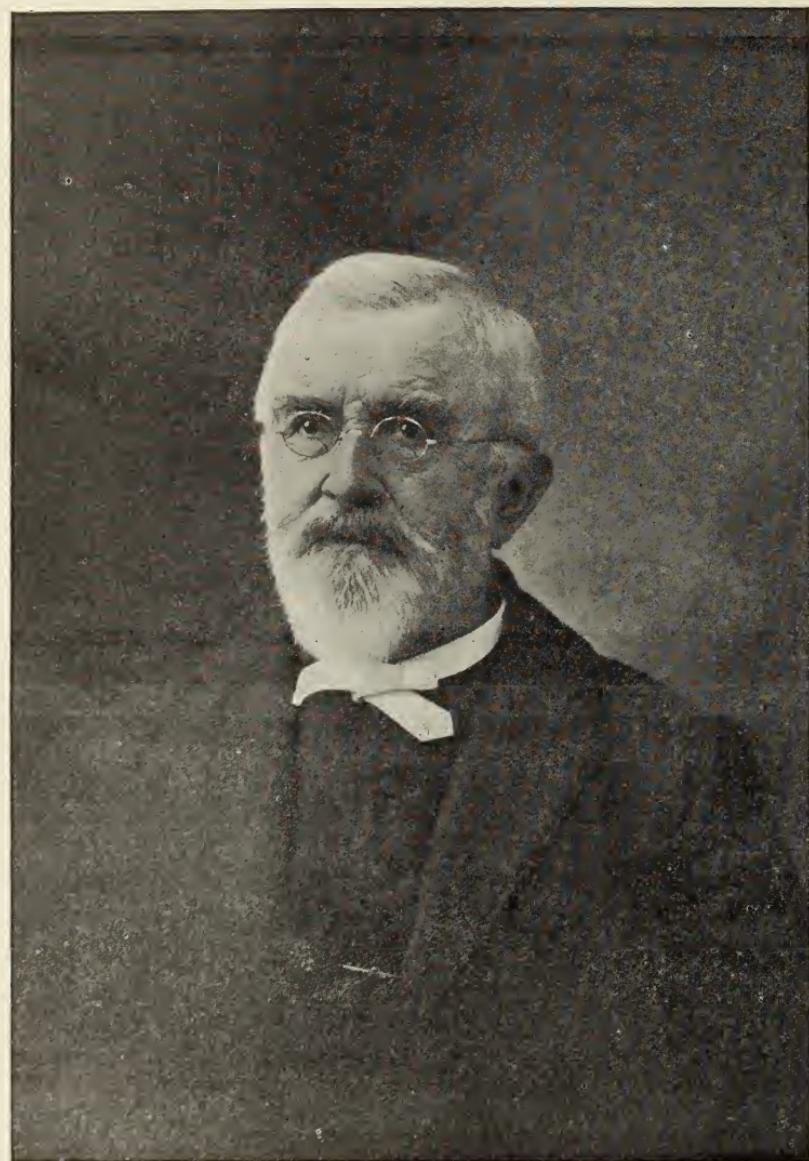
Mr. Woomer was married to Miss Julia A. Young, of Lebanon, Oct. 29, 1900. He left no children.

He was one of the early supporters of the Lebanon County Historical Society, having become a member of it at its second public meeting, February 15, 1898.

His dauntless and active spirit, his assiduous attention to duty, his studious habits, combined with a gentleness, manliness and fidelity to those who were nearest him, were traits that made him a man of repute in his community, and much sorrow was caused when his career came to so early a close.

S. P. H.





REV. FRANKLIN JACOB FOGEL SCHANTZ, D.D.

**Rev. FRANKLIN JACOB FOGEL SCHANTZ, D.D.**

---

BORN, JAN. 8, 1836.      DIED, JAN. 19, 1907.

AGED 71 YRS. and 11 DAYS.

---

Dr. Schantz was born at Schantz's Mill, in Lehigh county, the son of Jacob Schantz and Sarah (Fogel) Schantz. His early education was secured in private and public schools at and near his home. He was a student at the Allentown Academy, 1848-1850, and then at the Allentown Seminary, 1850-1853. In the Fall of the last named year he entered Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1855. He then entered the Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, completed his course Sept. 15, 1857, was licensed at Carlisle by the West Pennsylvania Synod Sept. 28 of the last named year, and ordained at the meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, Easton, June 3, 1858. He served charges at Reading, Catasauqua, South Whitehall and Altoona, after which he located at Myerstown, ministering to the Lutheran congregation there from July, 1867, to the day of his death, a continuous period of nearly 40 years. He also served from there the congregation at Mt. Aetna, Zion's Church at Jones-town, 1867 to 1881, and Emmanuel Church, Brickerville, Lancaster county, 1876 to 1879.

The life of Dr. Schantz was one long span of great activity and intense application, the details of which it would be difficult, even only in a general way, to adequately describe in the space necessarily so brief here, or even merely to mention the numerous positions of honor and trust he was called upon to fill, and to which in every case he brought so much of the helpful and effectual, mainly, of course, in his own church, yet as well in many non-churchly positions. A few of the leading of these positions were: President of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania for three terms; a member of the Board of

Trustees of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, of which he was one of the original Trustees since its establishment, February 2, 1867, as the institution to succeed the Allentown Seminary; Trustee of the Orphans' Home, Germantown; a delegate to the General Council since 1874; a member of the English Home Mission Committee of the General Council since 1882; President of the Pennsylvania-German Society; a member of the Executive Committee of the Lebanon County Historical Society for ten years, and President of the same at the time of his death.

He was called on perhaps more frequently than any other minister to assist in the installation of pastors, the laying of corner-stones, dedications and re-openings of churches, consecration of organs and church bells, the jubilee occasions of congregations, the observance of great events in the Reformation by proper festivals, burial of ministers, the opening of the scholastic year and the closing exercises of educational institutions.

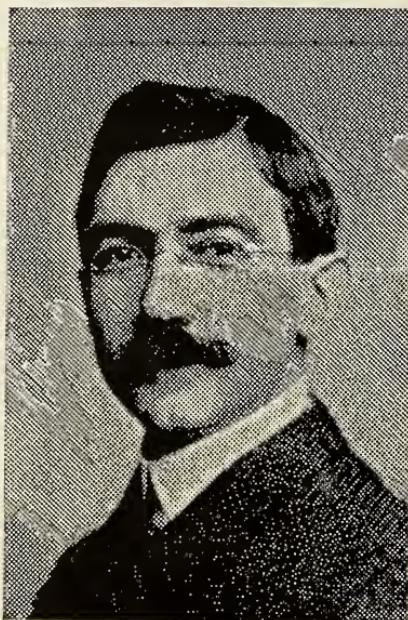
He had gained much distinction as a lecturer and historian, and for many years was much sought after for his apt portrayals of the history, life and characteristics of the Pennsylvania-Germans, whom he delighted to call his own people, and whose virtues he loved to extol, their foibles to exploit, and their racial worthiness to plead.

The Lebanon County Historical Society has special reasons for holding Dr. Schantz in grateful remembrance. He was one of its founders, and he stood to his latest as one of its firmest upholders. His presence was cheering, his word encouraging, his work effective, his zeal inspiring, and his views positive; these traits in effectual evidence always and whenever he could make them so for the interests of the Society, whether in open meeting of the Society, or in the Executive Committee, or at interim times.

Dr. Schantz was married to Miss Cordelia S. Seeger, of

Allentown, April 29, 1858. Mrs. Schantz preceded him in death in June, 1889. Three children survive him: Dr. H. F. Schantz, of Reading; Mrs. W. S. Haak, of Lebanon, and Mrs. J. P. Spangler, of Philadelphia.

As a pastor, as a preacher of the Word, as a worker in his church, as a writer, as a speaker, as a citizen, as a husband, and as a father, his life was distinctive for his well doing and for the work he accomplished. S. P. H.



**CHARLES ELLWOOD RAUCH.**

**CHARLES ELLWOOD RAUCH.**

---

BORN, OCT. 3, 1862.                    DIED, APRIL 3, 1907.  
AGED 44 YRS. and 6 Mos.

---

Mr. Rauch was the only son of John B. Rauch, deceased, and his first wife, Sarah Zimmerman, of South Lebanon township, and a grandson of Peter Rauch, a Lebanon county farmer, who died in 1842. John B. Rauch began business life at Annville, but in 1857 came to Lebanon. He erected the large store building at Tenth and Cumberland streets, and opened a general store. He was interested in banking and industrial operations, especially as a director and officer of the Lebanon Manufacturing Company, Tenth street and the P. & R. R. R.

In these various operations of his father, Charles E. received his business training. To the large general store, that came to him from his father, and which he continued, he added a mercantile tailoring department. He was largely interested in the real estate business in Brooklyn and New York, for this purpose associated at one time with Amos C. Zimmerman, and later with John L. Rockey. They also dealt in local real estate. In all of his business enterprises, Mr. Rauch was invariably successful, his reputation for business integrity and the strict morality which entered into all his commercial dealings winning him public confidence, and the respect of his customers in every line of trade.

About eight or nine years ago, when the Y. M. C. A. was re-established in Lebanon, Mr. Rauch was elected its President, which position he held to the day of his death. To this association he gave the best he could in the way of service and financial support.

He was a leading member of the Trinity United Brethren church of Lebanon, and to its interests and material welfare he

also gave much of his time and means, acting for many years as a Trustee of the congregation and Superintendent of its Primary Sunday School Department.

Mr. Rauch at one time was an Independent Republican candidate for the State Legislature, but failed of nomination.

On November 26, 1890, he married Miss Elizabeth A. Thompson, of Reading, Pa., who survives him, and a son born January 26, 1907.

He was a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, and assisted in its organization January 14, 1898.

Mr. Rauch was possessed of a genial personality, and courteous demeanor. As an upright business man, a true Christian, a public-spirited citizen, and an abiding doer of good works, he held a large place in the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

S. P. H.





CHARLES LEONARD HENRY.

**CHARLES LEONARD HENRY.**

---

BORN, JULY 31, 1860. DIED, MAY 10, 1907.  
AGED 46 YRS., 9 MOS. AND 9 DAYS.

---

Mr. Henry was a son of the late Capt. Joseph Henry, who resided in Annville at the time of the birth of his son, Charles, but later lived in Lebanon, and for many years was railway mail agent on the Lebanon & Tremont branch of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad.

Mr. Henry was connected for many years with the hardware store of Philip Greenawalt, and later, and up to his death, with the George Krause Hardware Store.

He was a past officer of all the Lebanon Masonic bodies, including Hermit Commandery, No. 24, Knights, Templar, Mt. Lebanon Masonic Lodge No. 226, Weidel Chapter No. 197, Royal Arch Masons, Lebanon Council, No. 27. He was also a member of the Harrisburg Consistory Thirty-second Degree Masons, and an active member of Lebanon Lodge No. 631, Order of Elks, and a member and Past Commander of Sedgwick Camp No. 42, Sons of Veterans, Lebanon.

Mr. Henry was a popular young man, and was highly esteemed. He was also well known for his devotion to his widowed mother and fatherless sister, Miss A. May Henry, who with him made up the three in the family home on North Ninth street, and whom he delighted to honor and to care for, he himself being unmarried.

He became a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, Feb. 17, 1905.

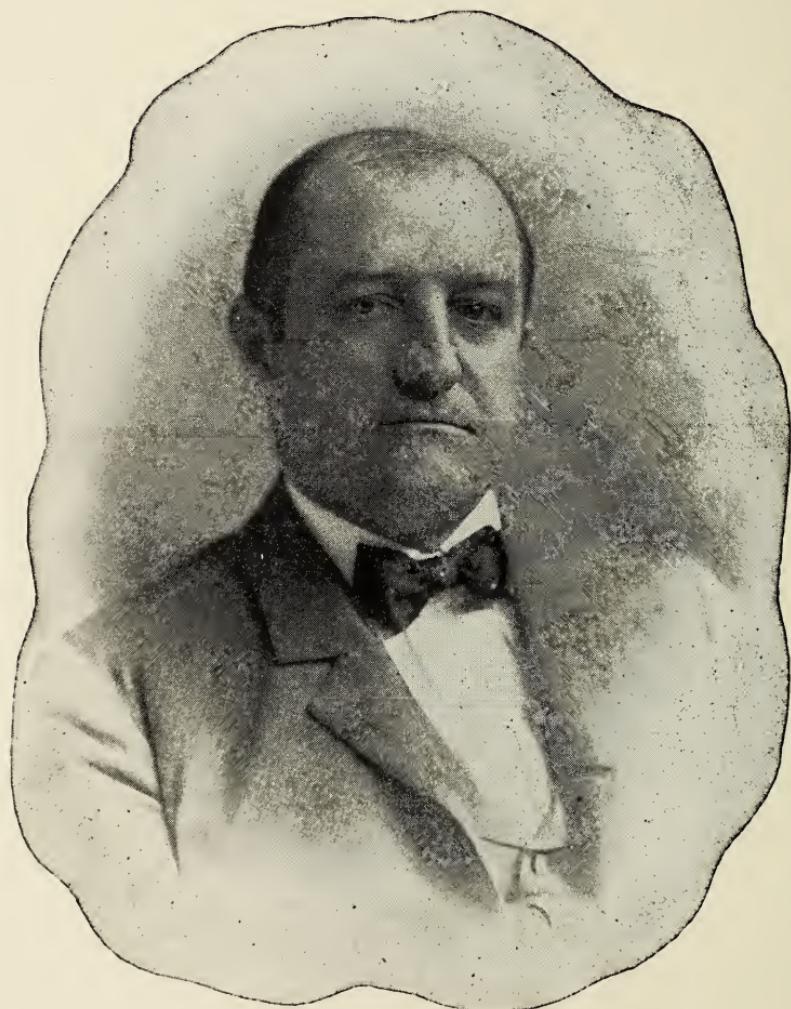
Mr. Henry is most vividly remembered in his home community on account of the tragic character of his death, which occurred May 11th, 1907, at Honda, California, on the Coast Line of the Southern Pacific Railroad, in the wreck of a special train carrying 145 New York and Pennsylvania Nobles of

the Mystic Shrine, returning from the annual meeting of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held at Los Angeles, of which order he was a member. He was one of a number on that train who were killed outright. His body was recovered, brought back to Lebanon and buried with due honors on the morning of May 21, 1907.

Possessed of many admirable traits of character, and of a retiring disposition, Mr. Henry was known to his friends as a man of high ideals, whom they prized at his full worth, and whose loss, so pathetically and tragically brought about, they greatly sorrowed.

S. P. H.





Hon. THOMAS HENRY CAPP.

**Hon. THOMAS HENRY CAPP.**

---

BORN AUG. 15, 1860.      DIED, JULY 3, 1907.  
AGED 46 YRS., 10 MOS. AND 18 DAYS.

---

Judge Capp was the youngest of three sons of Thomas S. and Sarah E. Capp, of Jonestown, where he was born and spent his earlier years. He received his education in the public schools of Jonestown and the old Jonestown Academy.

About the age of 20 years he entered the law-office of Major Grant Weidman, Lebanon, for the study of law, and after a very creditable examination was admitted to the Lebanon Bar, Nov. 7, 1881. Some years later he formed a partnership with George B. Schock, Esq., and under the firm-name of Capp & Schock they did a general law practice. Later this partnership was dissolved, but both continued the practice of law, and had offices in the same building.

Mr. Capp took a leading part in the Republican politics of Lebanon county. He represented the county in the State Legislature for three terms, from 1887 to 1892. He was a member of the Superior and Supreme Courts of Pennsylvania, at one time United States Commissioner at Lebanon, a member of the Lebanon Bar Association, a former President of the Steitz Club, for many years President of the Jonestown Bank, a member of Washington Camp, No. 381, P. O. S. of A., and of Lebanon Lodge No. 631, Order of Elks, a member and President of the Union Boiler and Machine Works, of Lebanon, and for many years a member of the Union League, of Philadelphia. He took an active part in the political campaigns in Lebanon county, and most acceptably so by reason of his expertness and oratorical powers, for which he was known far and wide.

As a lawyer he was a hard worker, a man of strong convictions, a fine pleader in Court, and for years was the leading

attorney in most of the criminal and civil cases at the Lebanon Courts. He was the leading counsel for the leading financial and industrial business institutions of Lebanon—among these the Lackawanna Iron & Steel Company and the American Iron & Steel Manufacturing Company, at one time County Solicitor, also legal adviser to the County Commissioners, and Sheriff's counsel.

Early in the year 1906 Mr. Capp was appointed by Governor Pennypacker to fill the vacancy in the Associate Judgeship of Dauphin County caused by the death of Judge John H. Weiss. In November of that year he was continued in that position by the electors of Dauphin county by the great majority of nearly eight thousand, and held that honorable office at the time of his death.

As a churchman Judge Capp was attached to St. Luke's Episcopal church, Lebanon, of which he was a vestryman and also Junior Warden, and later, whilst in residence at Harrisburg, a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal church of that city.

He was married, Feb. 22, 1890, to Miss Clara, daughter of the Hon. Geo. F. Meily, of Jonestown, with whom he had two daughters. The family first resided at Eighth and Lehman streets, Lebanon, later in a fine building in Hathaway Park, and later in a handsome mansion at Harrisburg, erected by the Judge for that purpose.

Judge Capp became a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, Feb. 17, 1905.

The life of Judge Capp throughout, brief though it was, was one of indefatigable application, hard work, strenuous effort, successful results, accomplishment of prodigious labor, and the attainment of many and honorable awards. S. P. H.





**WILLIAM THEODORE ATKINS.**

**WILLIAM THEODORE ATKINS.**

---

BORN SEPT. 23, 1865. . . . DIED DEC. 31, 1907.  
AGED 42 YRS., 4 MOS. AND 8 DAYS.

---

Mr. Atkins was a son of William Atkins and Frances (Hean) Atkins, the father formerly Common Councilman from the Second Ward, Lebanon, and a member of the firm of Atkins & Bro., grocers, South Ninth street, near Cumberland, and the mother a member of the well-known Lebanon Hean family.

He attended the public schools of Lebanon, served an apprenticeship of four years at the printer's case, and secured a position in the office of the State Printer at Harrisburg in 1886.

Returning to Lebanon in 1887, he, with Messrs. Asaph S. Light and John R. Rodearmel, purchased the *Courier* from Col. T. T. Worth and Tobias Reinoehl, and in 1889, with Mr. Rodearmel, purchased the interest of Mr. Light, and under the firm-name of Rodearmel & Atkins continued the publication of the widely-known *Courier* and the large jobbing trade attached to the *Courier* printing plant.

He was widely known for his membership in Masonic, Knights Templar, and other local secret and fraternal societies, amongst these the Lebanon Aerie, No. 472, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he was the Past Worthy President, and Lebanon Lodge, No. 631, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. In Masonry, the Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 166, of which he was Past Officer; Hermit Commandery No. 24, Knights Templar, of which he was Past Commander; Weidle Chapter, No. 197, Royal Arch Masons, Lebanon Council No. 27, R. S. E. and S. M. M., all of Lebanon, and Rajah Temple, Mystic Shriners, of Reading.

He was a member of the Lebanon Club, of which he was one of the organizers, and President at the time of his death. Also a member of the Steitz Club, of the Hook and Ladder

Fire Company, and of the Board of Directors of the Lebanon Fire Insurance Company.

Three years ago, at the solicitation of his friends, he was made the Republican nominee for Mayor of Lebanon, but owing to the triangular side of the contest, he failed of election, only, however, by the narrow margin of thirteen.

He was married, Oct. 9, 1890, to Catharine Stanley, who survives him, and four children.

He became a member of the Lebanon County Historical Society, Dec. 29, 1904. In the great demonstration of the Ancient Order of Benevolent Elks of America, held in Philadelphia in 1907, he took an active part, and was in the great parade, held July 18, at the close of that demonstration, in which, however, many, he one of them, were overcome by the intense heat that prevailed that day, and his life was despaired of for some days. He was brought home and although later able to return to work, as he did, he seemed not to have regained his former vigor.

Mr. Atkins was one of the best known publishers and printers in this part of the State, and had a wide acquaintance in the city and county of Lebanon, and in various parts of the State. He was possessed of a good, whole-souled nature, and was characterized by a generous heart and a sunny disposition.

S. P. H.



